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 COMMERCE  
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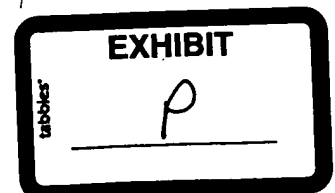
Affidavit of Patrick J. DeSouza

STATE OF NEW YORK §  
 COUNTY OF *New York* §

After being sworn, the Affiant deposed as follows:

My name is Patrick J. DeSouza. I am over eighteen years old, of sound mind, and competent to give this affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts in this affidavit, and they are believed to be true and correct.

I am the C.F.O. and Executive Vice-President of Corporate Development for the assignee-of-record of the above-referenced patent application (hereinafter, "Patent Application"). On Sunday, January 21, 2001, the invention claimed and described in the Patent Application was released and accessible to the public; and on Monday, January 22, 2001, this invention was first used by the public. It is the present intention of the assignee-of-record to file one or more patent applications corresponding to the above-referenced patent application (claiming priority therefrom) in one or more foreign countries.



Further Affiant sayeth not.

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Patrick J. DeSouza, and known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Affidavit, acknowledged to me that he executed the same in the capacity and for purposes and consideration therein expressed, of his own free act and deed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE on this, the 5th day of November, 2001.

Carolyn Lupi  
Notary Public in and for the State of New York

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

CAROLYN LUPI  
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